

### ***BROOKS HELPS BREAK GROUND ON VIOLET’S HOUSE***

County Executive Maggie Brooks joined with officials from ARC of Monroe County at the groundbreaking for “Violet’s House,” the agency’s 26<sup>th</sup> alternative residence for the developmentally disabled in Monroe County.

“This is another success story for ARC of Monroe County and the community,” said Brooks, who praised ARC officials for their commitment to break down barriers facing the developmentally disabled. “ARC has served Monroe County for 46 years, making our community open and inclusive for everyone.”

“Violet’s House,” is located on Havens Road in Brighton and was specifically designed so residents could live as active and engaged members of the community. When complete, six developmentally disabled individuals will live at the facility.

“Here at ‘Violet’s House,’ residents will gain a sense of independence and pride from living, working and contributing to the neighborhood,” said Brooks, who noted that all of us benefit when individuals are empowered to develop their talents and live out their dreams.

Dr. James Campbell, the Chairman of the ARC Board of Directors, noted that strong public support played an important role in the development of the project. Campbell also praised the aid of donor Muni Saltoun and the design assistance received from George Mason University’s Hellen A. Kellar Institute for Human Disabilities.